

YOUTH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ISSUES

As a result of the needs assessment, issues related to mental health and substance use and abuse emerged across data collection activities as a top concern for the Winchester community

47%

of survey respondents identified **mental health and stress among middle school and high school youth** as a high concern in Winchester

48%

of survey respondents identified **drug use among youth** as a high concern in Winchester

In 2016, there were approximately **6,505** residents under 18 years old in Winchester, consisting of **29%** of the population



11% increase in the number of residents under 18 years old in Winchester between 2011 and 2016

"The youth mental health crisis is the single largest thing that I've ever seen. It doesn't matter what other issues come, that is the largest on my table."

- Human Service Provider Interviewee



25%

of Winchester high school students reported to have **felt sad or hopeless** for two weeks straight in 2017

"Every year we add more behavioral health supports, but many of our families need more therapeutic services which our schools can't really provide."

- Human Service Provider Interviewee

4%

of Winchester high school students reported to have **attempted suicide** in 2017



34%

of Winchester high school students reported **current alcohol use** in 2017



26%

of Winchester high school students reported **current electronic vapor product use** in 2017



22%

of Winchester high school students reported **current marijuana use** in 2017

30%

of survey respondents identified **mental health care services** as a missing service in Winchester

29%

of survey respondents identified **services for youth** as a missing service in Winchester

For the complete assessment and data sources, please see: <https://www.winchester.us/>

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